

FBIS-4006-88
14 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--February 1988

I. GENERAL

1. The continued search for an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict was highlighted this month with a visit to the area by U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz. The secretary, who visited Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt, was in Amman on 27 and 29 February. During his second visit, Secretary Schultz met with Embassy local and American Staffs at the American Club. After a brief survey of his surroundings at the club, the secretary told the assembled throng that he now understood fully the need for a new embassy complex. The secretary then thanked the embassy employees for their excellent work in preparing for him and his party and gave a brief address highlighting the need for safety in the workplace and verifying the existence of a budgetary problem for the State Department. The bureau engineer provided technical assistance and equipment during the visit for the setting up of a press room.

2. The biggest blizzard in eight years hit Amman 24 February, knocking out electricity lines, leaving hundreds trapped in homes or offices, and contributing to an even heavier than normal number of auto accidents. The embassy declared a snow emergency. Fortunately for FBIS the snowfall began in the evening, preventing [redacted] from departing after their evening shifts to return home. The next morning when no monitors could reach work, owing to unplowed roads and treacherous conditions, [redacted] were able to continue coverage without missing a beat until later in the day when travel by road improved and other personnel arrived for work. Communicator [redacted] in the best professional tradition of the essential employee, also managed to make it into work for the opening of business.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. With the renewal of the cities war between Iran and Iraq which has included repeated missile attacks, Baghdad INA in English and Arabic have extended their transmissions to provide the latest war information. In response, the bureau's hours of operation were extended on 29 February and 1 March in order to file the most up-to-date statements and reports on the fighting.

2. (Clandestine) Al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio remains on open watch at the bureau and is recorded continuously. The station is still not following a regular program pattern. Recent reports by the radio of "jamming" by the Israeli Government has necessitated the frequent adjusting of the radio's frequencies to obtain the best reception. Due to consumer interest in the radio, bureau is providing daily program summaries of the radio's 1700-1800 GMT "extraordinary " newscast.

3. Based on a 1-month survey of several Amman Domestic Service English newcasts, the bureau added the following Amman Domestic English newcasts as Class C coverage during the month (all times are GMT): the 0530-0545, 1200-1215 and 1700-1715.

B. Lateral Services

At the request of the Embassy's Political Office, the bureau provided the text of an article by Sabri Jiryis appearing in the May-June 1987 issue of Nicosia SHU'UN FILASTINIYAH Arabic entitled "A Dialogue of Another Type on ' Dialogue' and 'National Unity'." The 32-take article criticizes the PLO leadership for failing to make any significant achievements with regard to the Palestinian cause.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Monitor-trainee candidate assumed duty on 28 February filling one of the two monitorial vacancies at the bureau. A candidate has been identified for the final slot but is not scheduled to report to work until the latter half of the quarter.

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IV. VISITS

To the bureau: Headquarters B&F TDY'er [REDACTED], 11
February, for orientation.

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Jordan Bureau Chief

Attachment:
Production Report

Amman Bureau Production Report for FEBRUARY 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	347370
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	96260
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	852

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8330.00 min.	21060.00 min.	153.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) al-quds Palestinian Arab Radio in Arabic	15480		
BAHRAIN Manama WAKH in Arabic		8700	
Manama WAKH in English		2070	
CYPRUS Nicosia Shu'un Filastiniyah in Arabic			19840
EGYPT Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in Arabic			730
Cairo AL-AHALI in Arabic			0
Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic			10750
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in Arabic			6720
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			4670
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in Arabic			3390
Cairo AL-WAFD Arabic			3060
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in Arabic			0

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Cairo UKTUBAR in Arabic			0
FRANCE			
Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic	26220		
Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic			710
Paris AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI in Arabic			3670
IRAQ			
Baghdad Voice of National Alliance in Arabic	730		
Baghdad Voice of the PLO IN Arabic	17070		
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	3540		
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	21860		
Baghdad INA in Arabic		17120	
Baghdad INA in English		1230	
Baghdad AL-'IRAQ in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			1540
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic			6950
Baghdad ALIF BA' in Arabic			0
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	1880		
JORDAN			
Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	15640		
Amman Domestic Service in English	1980		
Amman Television Service in Arabic	5620		
Amman Television Service in English	3100		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Amman Petra-JNA in Arabic		4360	
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic			0
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic			9280
Amman AL-QUDS in Arabic			610
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic			17260
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English			16810
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic			2800
Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English			150
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			4320
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			11370
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			3670
Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic			3400
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			0
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			1160
OMAN			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	1180		
Muscat OMA in Arabic		0	
QATAR			
Doha QNA in Arabic		0	
SAUDI ARABIA			
Al-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			0
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic			0

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BROAD-
CASTSPRESS
AGENCIESPUBLI-
CATIONS

SUDAN

Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait		0	
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic		4710	
Khartoum SUNA in English		10330	

SYRIA

Damascus Voice of Iraq in Arabic	760		
Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	21290		
Damascus Television Service in Arabic	2990		
Damascus SANA in Arabic		2710	

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	1860		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		900	
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			690
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			4840
Al-Sharjah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			0
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			2550

YEMEN (YAR)

Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic	7050		
Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic	6050		